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Gender imbalance in orcas

ENVIRONMENT

Scientists ask whether toxin may be cause of many males

The high number of male babies in a group of killer whales living off the coast of British Columbia is cause for concern, researchers say.

Eight babies have been born into the Southern Resident Killer Whale population since Dec. 30, 2014, but only one of the calves has been confirmed as a female, which could spell trouble for the whales' future.

The Washington-based Center for Whale Research recently received confirmation that yet another of the baby whales is male.

"We had pretty good hints of it before, but now with some very good pictures, we know it's a male," said scientist Ken Balcomb.

The calf, known as J54, is one of five confirmed to be a male. Another is suspected to be male, and the sex of the last calf is unknown.

The skewed sex ratio will make it difficult for the whales to reproduce when they get to breeding age, because female killer whales only give birth about once every three years.

The male whales will not breed with animals outside of their group, Balcomb said.

"Ideally, you get more or less a 50-50 ratio in the sexes," he said. "And that is true of populations that have been studied around the world, and it was true of this population when we began the study 40 years ago."

Researchers are looking at why there are so many more males in the latest baby boom.

"We're wondering if that has anything to do with the toxic environment that's affecting the fetus," Balcomb said.

Other species, such as seals, have shown similar trends when exposed to toxins, he said.

Those toxins could come from several different places, including spills, agriculture or sewage.

"Sooner or later we have a problem. And we're seeing it in the whales," Balcomb said.

More research is needed in order to find out what impact toxins are having on the whales, which could take years, he said.

The Southern Resident Killer Whale group is made up of 84 killer whales living in three different pods in the Salish Sea off the south coast of B.C. and the north coast of Washington state. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EMPLOYMENT

Minimum wage hike considered

The British Columbia government is considering raising the minimum wage beyond its scheduled top-up as the provincial economy prospers.

In a news release, Jobs Minister Shirley Bond says stronger economic growth creates some room for a modest increase in the minimum wage beyond the consumer price index, which the wage is already tied to.

Bond says she has started discussions aimed at striking a balance that supports workers while recognizing the impacts on businesses.

The minister says she expects to announce a minimum wage increase this spring, with the new rate coming into effect in September.

Provincial government statistics show just five per cent of wage earners in B.C. earn the minimum wage, compared with the national average of 7.1 per cent.

The current minimum wage is $10.45 per hour, the second lowest in the country behind $10.30 in New Brunswick.

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$10.45

British Columbia's minimum wage is currently the lowest in the country, behind New Brunswick's $10.30.

Volunteers hand out Easter meals for visitors at the Union Gospel Mission on Saturday. COURTESY ANDREW TARAN/UNION GOSPEL MISSION

UGM dishes up hope

CHARITY

Volunteers handed out 2,500 meals to the city's needy

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

Union Gospel Mission served up an Easter feast on Saturday to some 2,500 people who are part of Vancouver's most vulnerable population.

The warm meal consisted of ham, scalloped potatoes, veggies, buttered buns, apple pie and ice cream.

"It went really well. It was a busy day," UGM spokesman Jeremy Hunka told Metro. "It's a big deal to people who sometimes feel forgotten by society, by the city, and when we can give them a dose of hope with a holiday meal, it goes a long way."

Besides occasions like Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving, UGM serves three nutritious meals a day, with 340,000 served in 2015. Sitting down and breaking bread, according to Hunka, gives the mission an opportunity to discuss the services on offer, like its alcohol and drug recovery programs and its 72-bed emergency shelter.

Chad Sluyth came to UGM in 2009 around Easter. The 40-year-old musician grew up in a loving family and had a well-rounded education, having succeeded as a carpenter and sheet metal mechanic for many years. But as his bands toured, the lifestyle of sex, drugs and rock and roll got the better of him.

"After a while, it became a necessity. I needed to drink," the Alberta native said.

After moving to Vancouver in an effort to "get lost," Sluyth found himself homeless and heavily addicted to drugs. He weighed 130 pounds and would push a shopping cart all night long to collect enough money for his next fix.

It was at that point, which Sluyth calls his "moment of clarity," that he decided to get help.

"(UGM's) help is definitely what kept me alive. I was seriously probably down to days," he said.

Today, Sluyth — one of the many volunteers who dished out the grub on Saturday — is seven years sober, steadily employed and has recently opened a recording studio.

"I don't see drug addicts and alcoholics when I'm walking those streets. I see broken hearts."

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Climate plan input extended

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Public consultations for British Columbia's next climate plan have been extended another two weeks, according to the government.

People will now have until April 8 to review recommendations made on the Climate Leadership Plan website and provide input.

The provincial government says the website has been visited more than 20,000 times and has received nearly 8,000 pieces of input.

Input has ranged from transportation and clean technology suggestions to thoughts on energy and carbon prices.

In addition to the public consultation phase, government says it will continue to meet with specific industries and stakeholders on the plan, which is expected to be released sometime this spring.

The plan can be found by visiting engage.gov.bc.ca/climateleadership.

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The Climate Leadership Plan website has received 20,000 visitors and 8,000 pieces of advice from the public, according to the provincial government.

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Sexual assault may be linked to 'prowler events'

CRIME

Mounties say description of UBC suspect matches lurker

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Mounties believe a violent sexual assault of a student on the University of British Columbia's isolated Vancouver campus Friday night may be related to a string of recent "late night prowler events" in female sections of two nearby student residences.

University RCMP responded to a 911 call from a 20-year-old student who was attacked from behind by a stranger when she was walking in the 3200 block of Wesbrook Mall on Friday night around 10 p.m.

The man suddenly emerged from a treed area before grabbing her and violently shaking her, forcing her face first to the ground, according to a statement from University RCMP spokesman Sgt. Drew Grainger.

The man proceeded to rub himself against the woman before she managed to fight him off and he fled the scene.

She sustained bruises on the side of her head from an open-handed hit.

Police describe the suspect as a darker skinned, slender, five-foot-10 man in his mid- to late-20s.

He wore dark clothing, possibly a hoodie, and smelled of tobacco.

The description matches that of a man who has reportedly been lurking in female showers and residential rooms at Vanier Place and Totem Park residences over the past week, according to police, who believe the incidents may be linked.

The man has been spotted five times since last Wednesday, Mar. 23 in a series of what police are calling "late night prowler events."

No sexual assaults were reported in any of these incidents, where the lurker fled upon being caught by student residents.

University RCMP, campus security and the Lower Mainland RCMP are working together to investigate the incidents.

Police are reminding anyone walking on campus at night to be vigilant of their surroundings and the potential for vulnerability when walking alone.

It's an all-too familiar reminder for UBC students. Three years ago, the campus was on high alert after a string of six sexual assaults over several months.

In all cases, the suspect attacked women walking alone from behind, leading RCMP to believe the same man was responsible for all attacks.

That suspect, who was described as a thin, five-foot-eight to six-foot-two Caucasian man with darker skin in his late 20s, was never arrested.

Anyone with information about the latest incidents is asked to contact University RCMP at 604-224-1322 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Students walk on the University of British Colombia's Vancouver Campus. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

PRIVACY

Release 'an honest mistake'

The release of uncensored details about the departure of a former University of British Columbia president was an honest mistake, says a new report.

Former B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner David Loukidelis reviewed the university's conduct and policies after hidden attachments containing uncensored personal details about Arvind Gupta's abrupt resignation were released to the public in January.

The review determined that the attachments were left in because a step was missed when the documents were processed.

"The incident occurred because of a simple mistake," the report said. "The disclosure was an accidental result of UBC's good-faith attempt to be open and transparent."

The report noted the university has made changes in the wake of the incident to how it releases information, including implementing a checklist for access to information requests, revamping how embedded information is removed and requiring a second staff member to check releases containing sensitive information.

Loukidelis recommended the school take extra care when preparing documents to be released online and look at whether additional resources are needed in the department that handles access to information requests.

The university responded to the report with a statement saying they accept the findings and have passed the report on to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for review.

The statement also said the school will devote more staff resources to handle access to information requests.

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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Charges laid over 'sucker punch'

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Coquitlam man has been charged after allegedly sucker punching a 34-year-old man, leaving him with permanent, life-altering injuries.

The 23-year-old Coquitlam man, who cannot be named due to a publication ban, is facing one charge of aggravated assault, Vancouver police said Thursday.

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the 34-year-old man was walking home with his wife after attending a comedy show in the early morning hours.

As the couple walked near the Roadhouse Bar at 670 Smithe Street, they passed two groups of men arguing over hiring a limousine and the man became involved in the dispute.

Police said one of the men allegedly punched the victim, knocking him unconscious and causing him to hit his head on the concrete.

Although he survived, the victim's condition was so bad that homicide investigators were standing by to take over the case, police said at the time.

Police said the victim suffered severe injuries and ultimately brain damage as a result of the assault.

The victim of an Oct. 25 sucker punch.
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SKYTRAIN

Public's help asked over indecent act

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Metro Vancouver Transit Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect who exposed himself to a group of teen girls while riding the SkyTrain on Feb. 8.

Around 12:30 p.m. that day, a 15-year-old girl and five of her friends were heading from Surrey to downtown Vancouver for some birthday shopping. A man boarded the train at Main Street station, stood in front of the girls, unzipped his pants, exposed himself and committed an indecent act, according to a media release from Transit Police. Both the teens and the suspect got off at the Granville station.

The suspect is described as a dark-skinned male, between 30 and 40 years old. He's six feet, two inches tall, broad shouldered, heavy build, with a dark buzz cut and a short dark beard. He was wearing a dark blue sweater, possibly a blue vest over a long-sleeved black shirt, dark jeans and black shoes.

Asked why Transit Police are asking for the public's help now, Drennan told Metro it's because no solid leads from law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions and parole officers have surfaced.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Transit Police.

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A fracking test site at Northern Lights College in Fort St. John. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Support for LNG dropping, poll finds

ENERGY

Impacts of fracking on land, water of concern

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

A new poll suggests fewer people support the province's plans to expand the development and export of liquefied natural gas (LNG), with fracking being a major concern.

The online survey, conducted by Insights West, suggests 43 per cent of British Columbians are in favour of LNG, while 41 per cent are opposed. In August 2013, 50 per cent of residents welcomed the proclaimed expansion project and 32 per cent opposed it.

23%
The proportion of polled British Columbians in favour of fracking.

The drop in support, according to the survey, is linked to fracking, the process by which oil and gas companies inject water and chemicals into the ground to fracture underlying shale rock formations and extract the natural gas.

Only 23 per cent of questionnaire respondents said they support the drilling procedure. More than three-in-five people said they're concerned about its effects, including the perception of containment ponds being an environmental hazard (68 per cent), the negative impact and alteration of the landscape (62 per cent) and the contamination of the water supply (also 62 per cent). More than half were worried about fracking triggering earthquakes, causing increased health problems and leading to higher carbon emissions.

When asked about the benefits of fracking, 54 per cent of respondents said it'll lead to more jobs and that it's more environmentally friendly than coal or other fossil fuels. More than half said it will result in more foreign investment.

Meanwhile, only 15 per cent of those surveyed thought LNG will bring significant benefits to all B.C. residents, 42 per cent believed it will exclusively benefit some communities and 28 per cent said LNG will not benefit most of the province's population.

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Shop ranks third on planet

VICTORIA

Book store on National Geographic's top 10 list

The interior of Munro's Books, located in Victoria's Old Town, British Columbia, was the sole Canadian entry on the list. CONTRIBUTED

When it comes to world-class bookstores, a top 10 list from National Geographic speaks volumes, and that list now includes a literary treasure in Victoria.

Munro's Books, in Victoria's Old Town, ranks third on National Geographic's list of the globe's most interesting book stores.

"We're so lucky in Victoria that we have so many visitors," said Jessica Walker, managing partner for Munro's Books.

"I know we are on international radar."

The list is from the latest edition of the National Geographic book "Destinations of a Lifetime" and noted the store was founded in 1963 by Alice and Jim Munro, 50 years before Alice Munro won the 2013 Nobel Prize in literature.

The shop, in a heritage bank building, was also described as "magnificent," and "neoclassical."

Walker agreed the store is a lovely place to browse.

She said a big part of the store's appeal is the stateliness of the former Royal Bank of Canada building, Munro's third home, following a move in 1984.

Atlantis Books in Santorini, Greece topped the list, followed by Cafebreria el Pendulo in Mexico City.

Munro's Books was the sole Canadian entry, in front of El Ateneo Grand Splendid in Buenos Aires, and then the other two North American nods, Powell's City of Books in Portland, Oregon and Prairie Lights of Iowa City, Iowa.

Shakespeare and Company, the Parisian bookstore that attracted such notable writers as Henry Miller and Allen Ginsberg, ranked seventh, while stores in Sydney, Australia, Nanjing, China and Brussels rounded out the top 10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Police look into shooting

A man is in hospital after a shooting near an East Vancouver park.

Police arrived at the northwest corner of Burrard View Park at Wall Street at North Penticton Street on Saturday after 2:30 p.m. and found a man with a non-life-threatening wound. METRO

Surrey fire 'suspicious'

A blaze destroyed a vehicle and caused damage to a home it was parked beside in Surrey Saturday morning.

Firefighters extinguished the flames at the 12400 block of 113B Avenue on at around 5:10 a.m. The cause of the fire has not been determined. METRO

Mounties investigate shots

Surrey RCMP are looking into a Newton neighbourhood shooting.

Reports of gunshots near 128 Street at 56 Avenue in Panorama Ridge came in Friday at around 12:50 a.m. Police found evidence that shots had been fired, but no victims or perpetrators were found. The motive is currently unknown. METRO

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BEAUTIFICATION

City seeks utility box artists

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Structures will be covered with vinyl wraps. FLICKR/SHERWOOD411

The City of Vancouver wants local artists to spruce up a few dozen boring utility boxes scattered at major intersections throughout the city in an effort to discourage graffiti on the blank surfaces.

The city put out a call for artists to submit digital designs to be printed on vinyl wraps to cover approximately 27 utility boxes throughout the city. Artists will be paid $1,000 for every successful design chosen, according to the online call for submissions posted last week.

Utility boxes are frequent vandalism targets, according to a memo from the city's engineering services manager.

But beautification as an anti-vandalism strategy has previously worked on boxes in the West End and along Granville Street. (Murals are also used to deter graffiti.)

The city ran a successful pilot project covering boxes with art in the West End in 2015, which followed in the footsteps of the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association's 2013 partnership with Emily Carr University to decorate a dozen electrical boxes along the downtown segment of Granville Street. These boxes are still covered to this day.

27
Vancouver aims to decorate approximately 27 boxes with submitted digital designs.

While the city can't promise the artists that vandalism won't befall their work, it does say it will try to remove any graffiti as it arises. In order to deter vandals, the city recommends artists limit blank space in their designs.

The city will reject designs that show traffic lights or signs and will give preference to designs without text. Once a design is purchased, the city can reproduce it or relocate the wrap at any time.

Artists can submit designs until April 6.

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Morneau backs plan

BUDGET

Finance chief defends plan to boost benefits in 12 regions

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Bill Morneau also said average payment to families from the new child benefit in the Liberal budget will be about $2,300 per child.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau defended the Liberal government's decision to boost employment insurance benefits for parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan while leaving some hard hit areas of the oil patch out of the budget plan.

Morneau said the government had to decide what areas across the country needed the most help with extra weeks of employment insurance benefits for jobless workers.

Left off that list were cities like Edmonton, and parts of Saskatchewan that Premier Brad Wall has said could also use the help.

Morneau told CTV's Question Period that the government picked 12 regions to help them "deal with what's been a significant change and a harder time for those people to get re-employed."

The dozen spots included Newfoundland and Labrador, parts of northern and southern Alberta, northern British Columbia, northern Manitoba, northern Ontario, northern Saskatchewan, Calgary, Sudbury, Ont., Saskatoon, Whitehorse and Nunavut.

Those 12 regions had what Morneau described in the television interview as "sharp increases in unemployment that have been sustained."

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BLACK LIVES MATTER ACTIVISTS STAND TOGETHER The crowd watches the speakers at a Black Lives Matter rally at police headquarters in Toronto on Saturday. Black Lives Matter demonstrators had been camping outside the headquarters since March 20, partly in protest of the Special Investigations Unit's decision not to lay charges against a Toronto officer who fatally shot 45-year-old Sudanese immigrant Andrew Loku. The SIU is Ontario's arms-length agency responsible for investigating police-related incidents that result in death or injury.

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MANITOBA

Missing toddler's body found

The joy of Easter was tempered by sadness in a Manitoba community following the tragic conclusion to the search for a missing two-year-old boy, but his grieving family says they have been overwhelmed by the support people have shown.

"Today, the family of Chase Martens is completely devastated as they come to grips with the tragic loss of their little boy," read a statement issued Sunday by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection on behalf of the boy's family. The release said the family wants to express their heartfelt gratitude to RCMP, the provincial fire commissioner and community volunteers who took part in the search, which began Tuesday when the boy was last seen playing in the yard of his rural home near Austin.

The search involved hundreds of people on foot and horseback, driving ATVs and in the air. His body was found Saturday in a creek about half-a-kilometre away. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Arctic permits may have expired

ENVIRONMENT

Sensitive waters may become officially protected area

Environmentalists say talks on creating a third national marine conservation area are being held up over Arctic offshore energy exploration permits that may not legally exist.

"Looking at the permits, it looks like the rights expired in 1979," said Alex Speers-Roesch of Greenpeace.

The federal government has been trying for years to protect the waters of Lancaster Sound, the eastern gate of the Northwest Passage and home to a wealth of Arctic seabirds and mammals. The effort is strongly supported by local Inuit hunters and land claim groups.

But drawing the exact boundaries of the area, off the north coast of Nunavut's Baffin Island, has been at least partly held up over 30 exploration permits issued in the early 1970s to Shell.

An oil drilling rig arrives aboard a transport ship at sunrise, following a journey across the Pacific in Port Angeles, Wash. Environmentalists say talks on creating a third national marine conservation area are being held up over Arctic offshore energy exploration permits that may not legally exist. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/DANIELLA BECCARIA/SEATTLEPI.COM

But researchers have now found those permits may not be valid.

"Exploration rights are supposed to not last longer than nine years," said Speers-Roesch. "When we were looking at the existing exploration rights in the Arctic, the Shell permits stood out because they've been around for decades."

The department acknowledged there was no record of renewal, but pointed out there's no legal requirement that "permits be stamped for renewal purposes."

> **No one would contemplate an exploration permit should be held forever.** Nigel Bankes, professor of resource law

However, the department must let companies know when permits are about to expire — and there's no record of that happening, either.

"The validity of the Shell permits is indeed a legal question and not simply a 'clerical issue,'" wrote spokesman Michel Chenier.

But Chenier argued the permits are valid because both the company and the government have acted as if they were.

"Both industry and government have continuously treated the 30 Shell permits as being valid and subsisting from the original date of issue to the present and will continue to do so in the future."

But Nigel Bankes, a professor of resource law at the University of Calgary who's familiar with the issue, said "I don't think that's good enough."

He points out Canada's regulatory regime has changed twice since the permits were granted and there's no evidence they were kept up to date.

Exploration permits are designed to encourage companies to get on the property and work, he said.

"No one would contemplate an exploration permit should be held forever."

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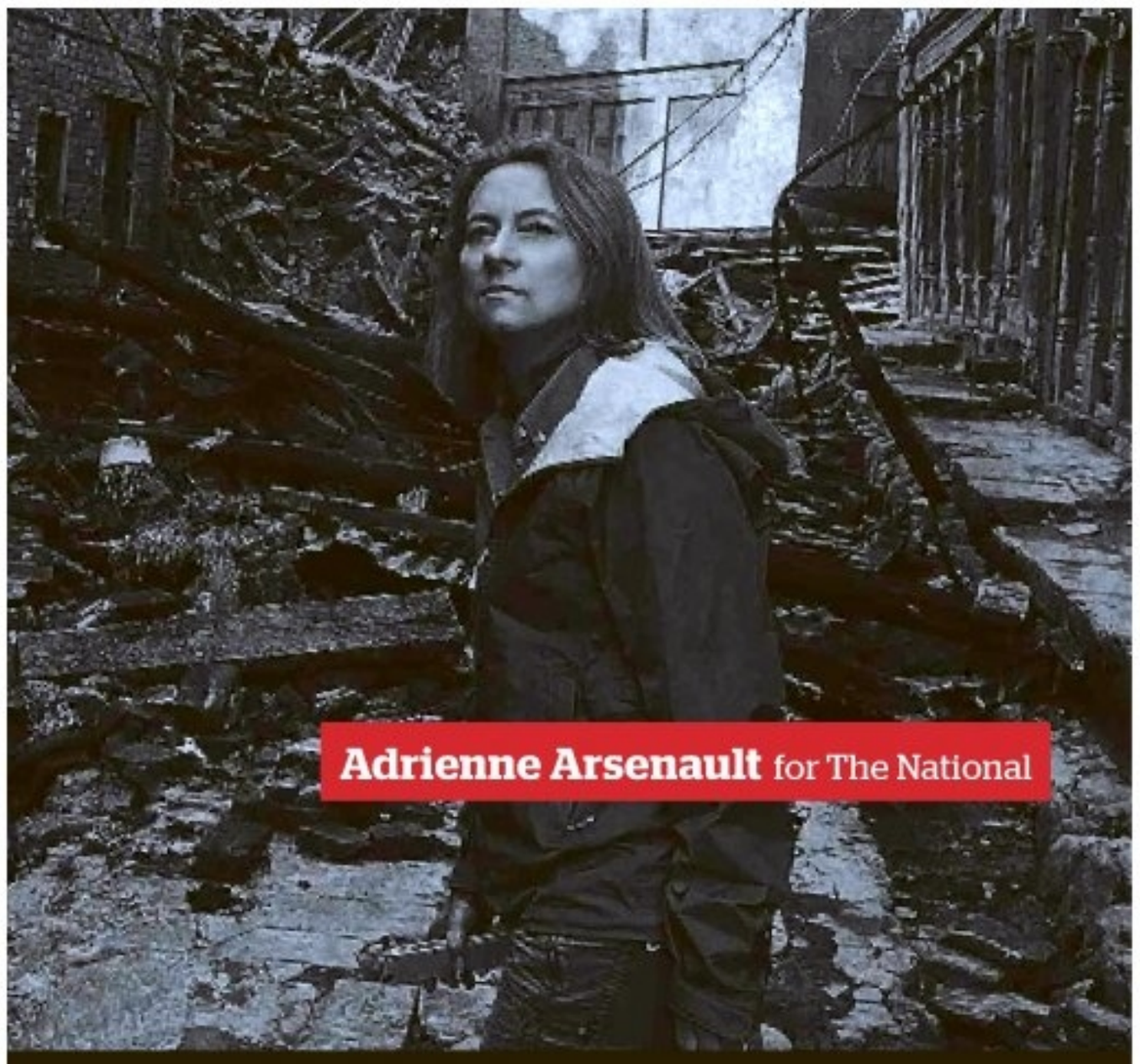

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SECURITY

Directive on anti-terror bill C-51 won't be made public

The federal government has issued guidance to Canada's spy agency on using contentious new anti-terrorism laws — but most of the instructions won't be made public.

Many passages of the ministerial direction to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, issued last July, were withheld from release due to provisions of the Access to Information Act concerning security, internal deliberations and cabinet confidences.

The office of Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said ministerial offices are not involved in the processing of access requests, nor should they be.

But the federal decision to keep much of the ministerial direction under wraps did nothing to reassure those with concerns about C-51, the omnibus security bill that received royal assent early last summer.

The legislation gave CSIS the power to actively disrupt suspected terrorist plots, even allowing the spy service to take actions that breach the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as long as a judge approves.

"One of our greatest concerns with C-51 is that CSIS has been given extraordinary new powers, including the power to break the law and violate the Constitution," said Josh Paterson, executive director of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

"While some details need to remain secret, it's troubling that so much of the minister's high-level, general direction to CSIS on how the agency should interpret its new powers is blacked out. The government should be more transparent about the direction it is giving our spy agencies as to how they should be accountable."

While the public safety minister does not dictate day-to-day decisions by CSIS, he periodically issues written directions to the spy agency that broadly guide its actions.

The July direction combined and replaced two previous instructions, one on spy agency operations and another on accountability to the minister. In drafting it, Public Safety officials consulted CSIS, Justice Canada, the RCMP, Foreign Affairs and the office of then-public safety minister Steven Blaney.

The direction set out "overarching parameters for CSIS's use of its new powers" under C-51 and Bill C-44, which addressed matters including source protection and use of judicial warrants, says a July 29 memo to Blaney.

Elements of the direction that were released to The Canadian Press mention fundamental principles CSIS must follow, including respect for the rule of law and the use of operational methods "reasonable and proportional" to the threat.

The direction also stresses the fair treatment of human sources who help CSIS and says the spy service's activities abroad must respect Canada's foreign policy interests as well as the security of overseas missions and personnel.

However, the details on how all this must be done have been stripped out of the direction and several annexes.

"The really interesting stuff, I'm sure, is in the redacted portions," said University of Ottawa law professor Craig Forcese, co-author of "False Security," a book critiquing C-51.

"I think we need to know some of these details," said Forcese. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **Avoiding political interference or the appearance of it is crucial for the integrity of the regime.**
> Scott Bardsley, Public Safety Ministry spokesman

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Watchdog group on C-51
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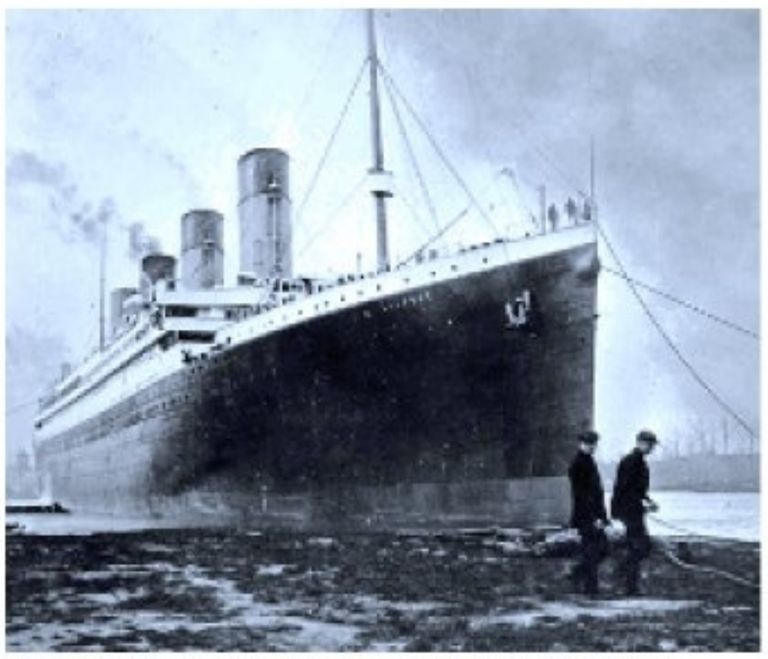
MEMORIAL

Patrol honours Titanic victims

Members of an international ice patrol that formed as a result of the sinking of the Titanic will be in Halifax this week for a ceremony to commemorate the more than 1,500 people who died in the disaster.

United States Coast Guard Cmdr. Gabrielle McGrath says the memorial will recognize the long history of the International Ice Patrol, which was established after the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean in April 1912.

"It's why we do what we do, so that's why we find it so important," said McGrath. "It's very important to us to remember those people that perished and the fact that that's why we're here doing what we do and really making sure it never happens again." THE CANADIAN PRESS



A photograph of the Titanic from a Belfast family album.
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Easter bombing kills 65

PAKISTAN

More than 300 injured in terrorist blast in Lahore park

A breakaway Pakistani faction of the militant Taliban group has claimed responsibility for an Easter Sunday bombing in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that killed 65 people.

Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, said a suicide bomber with the faction deliberately targeted the Christian community.

The explosion took place near the children's rides in Gulshan-e-Iqbal park — which was crowded with Christians celebrating Easter — local police chief Haider Ashraf said. He said the explosion appeared to have been a suicide bombing, but investigations were ongoing.

The attack killed 65 people and wounded more than 300, said Deeba Shahnaz, a spokesman for Lahore rescue administration.

Punjab's chief minister Shahbaz Sharif announced three days of mourning and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, said Zaeem Qadri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

The park was manned by police and private security guards, police chief Haider Ashraf said.

"We are in a warlike situation and there is always a general threat but no specific threat alert was received for this place," he added.

Schools and businesses in the city will remain closed on Monday, the city's schools association and the Union of Lahore Traders said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a meeting to assess the security situation in Lahore, according to a government statement. Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, also convened an emergency meeting of the country's intelligence agencies to begin to track down those responsible for the attacks, said army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa.

Salman Rafiq, a health adviser to the Punjab government, called on people to donate blood, saying that many of those wounded were in a critical condition.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council said that the United States "condemns the attack in the strongest terms," describing it as a "cowardly act in what has long been a scenic and placid park."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also condemned the attack, tweeting that it was a "deplorable" act and offering his thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.

Vikas Swarup, spokesman for India's External Affairs ministry, tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi telephoned Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif to express his deep condolences. He said Modi "underlined the need for uncompromising efforts to fight against terrorism."

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Pakistani police officers and rescue workers gather at the site of bomb explosion in park where Christians were celebrating Easter. K.M. CHUADARY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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> Police Chief Haider Ashraf

BELGIUM

Uneasy mood in Brussels

Belgian riot police clashed Sunday with hundreds of right-wing hooligans at a temporary shrine honouring victims of the Brussels suicide bombings, as investigators launched fresh anti-terror raids, taking four more people into custody.

Police used water cannons when scuffles broke out in front of the Bourse, which has become a symbolic rallying point for people to pay their respects to those who died in Tuesday's attacks.

Black clad men carrying an anti-Islamic State group banner with an expletive on it trampled parts of the shrine, shouting Nazi slogans. Ten were arrested and two police officers injured.

Federal prosecutors, meanwhile, said Sunday morning's raids were linked to a "federal case regarding terrorism" but didn't specify whether it was the March 22 attacks.

Thirteen raids were launched in the capital and the northern cities of Mechelen and Duffel.

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EXTREMISM

Syria recaptures 'Bride of the Desert'

Syrian government forces recaptured the ancient city of Palmyra on Sunday, scoring an important victory over Islamic State fighters who waged a 10-month reign of terror there and dealing the group its first major defeat since an international agreement to battle terrorism in the fractured nation took effect last year.

The city known to Syrians as the "Bride of the Desert" is famous for its 2,000-year-old ruins that once drew tens of thousands of visitors each year before Daesh destroyed many of the monuments. The extent of the destruction remained unclear. Initial footage on Syrian TV showed widespread rubble and shattered statues. But Palmyra's grand colonnades appeared to be in relatively good condition.

The government forces were supported by Lebanese militias and Russian air power. Daesh now faces pressure on several fronts as Kurdish ground forces advance on its territory in Syria's north and government forces have a new path to its de facto capital, Raqqa, and the contested eastern city of Deir el-Zour.

International airstrikes have pounded Daesh territory, killing two top leaders in recent weeks, according to the Pentagon.

Syrian Culture Minister Issam Khalil described the recapture as a "victory for humanity and right over all projects of darkness." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ancient city of Palmyra, Syria, is an archeological gem that Syrian troops took back from Daesh on Sunday.
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VATICAN CITY

Pope decries acts of terrorism as 'blind'

Pope Francis tempered his Easter Sunday message of Christian hope with a denunciation of "blind" terrorism, recalling victims of attacks in Europe, Africa and elsewhere, as well as expressing dismay that people fleeing war or poverty are being denied welcome as European countries squabble over the refugee crisis.

Tens of thousands of people patiently endured long lines, backpack inspections and metal-detecting checks Sunday to enter St. Peter's Square.

For years, Islamist extremists in social media have listed the Vatican and Rome as potential targets due to hosting the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church and several basilicas.

Despite the threats, Francis has kept to his habit of trying to be in close physical contact with ordinary people.

Francis said, for the faithful, Jesus who rose after death by crucifixion "triumphed over evil and sin."

He expressed hope that "will draw us closer to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence."

In his balcony speech, Francis said Easter "invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees — including many children — fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope Francis. ASSOCIATED PRESS

REJECT HATE

In his speech, Francis cited attacks in Belgium, Turkey, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Iraq, where a Daesh attack on a soccer stadium Friday killed more than 40. Francis said he prayed the Iraqi people would "be strengthened in their resolve to reject the ways of hatred. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Mother Angelica dead at 92
Mother Mary Angelica, a Roman Catholic nun who used a monastery garage to begin a television ministry that grew into a global religious media empire, has died. She was 92.

Known to millions of viewers simply as "Mother Angelica," the founder of the Eternal Word Television Network died Easter Sunday at the rural monastery where she lived about 45 miles north of Birmingham, Ala., according to network CEO Michael P. Warsaw.
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Police say they have money launderer for El Chapo
Mexico's federal police said Sunday they have detained a man identified as one of the top money launderers for drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

The police agency said on its Twitter account that Juan Manuel Alvarez was detained in the southern state of Oaxaca.
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Frenchman arrested over terror plot in Netherlands
Dutch police arrested a 32-year-old Frenchman in the port city of Rotterdam on Sunday at the request of French authorities who suspect him of "involvement in planning a terror attack," prosecutors said.

Residents were evacuated from homes near addresses on two streets that were raided Sunday by anti-terror police, who also took three other men into custody. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snow brings some wildfire relief

KANSAS

Livestock and six homes consumed by massive blaze

Firefighters grappling with the biggest wildfire in Kansas history got a welcome Easter assist from pre-dawn snowfall over the hardest-hit area, though the looming prospect of flame-fanning winds threatened to undermine the effort.

The National Weather Service said about a half an inch (1.25 centimetres) of precipitation in the form of rain and snow fell early Sunday southwest of Wichita in Barber County, which accounts for 427 of the 620 square miles (1,106 of the 1 ,600 square kilometres) scorched during the blaze that began Tuesday in Oklahoma before spreading into Kansas.

Forestry officials in both states said Sunday the fires had been 45 per cent contained, including roughly one-third of the blaze in Barber County. But shifting, stiffer winds were expected, potentially reigniting hot spots or extending flames beyond the fire line. Around south-central Kansas, winds on Monday could gust to 40 kilometres per hour then increase to 72 km/h the next day, National Weather Service meteorologist Brad Ketcham said.

"We're preparing for another couple of critical fire days," said Hannah Anderson, an Oklahoma Forestry Services spokeswoman.

While crediting the Kansas snowfall for quenching dry, vulnerable prairie grass, native cedar trees abundant around Barber County caught much of that precipitation on their branches and left possible hot spots beneath them parched and at risk of rekindling, Kansas Forest Service spokeswoman Shawna Hartman said. The precipitation also likely offered little fire-suppressing benefit in the area's drainages and sloping canyons, she said.

Four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the Kansas National Guard remained on the scene Sunday, a day after they arrived equipped with buckets ultimately used to dump water onto the flames, the forest service said.

Those machines also helped identify any hard-to-reach areas that had reignited.

Six homes have been destroyed and some livestock has been lost, the Kansas Adjutant General's Office said. Three bridges and one railroad trestle have also been damaged or destroyed. No people have been seriously injured.

The Federal Aviation Administration has placed a temporary ban on flights involving aircraft not assisting in the firefight.
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1 A firefighter douses a line of grass fire in Kansas on Thursday. More than 200 firefighters battled an active fire line stretching 40 miles long in Barber County
MIKE HUTMACHER/THE WICHITA EAGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 A home razed by the wildfire. ANDREW WHITAKER/ THE HUTCHINSON NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Charred prairies Thursday near Medicine Lodge, Kan.
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4 The Anderson Creek fire in Woods County, Okla., on Wednesday. OKLAHOMA FORESTRY SERVICES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Video of Israel soldier sparks outcry

Amateur video appearing to show an Israeli soldier killing an already wounded Palestinian attacker sparked uproar in Israel on Sunday, reflecting the deep divisions in the country following six months of violence.

As the Israeli military pressed on with an investigation, nationalistic politicians accused the army of abandoning the soldier, while political doves bemoaned the erosion of the nation's morals. Palestinians, meanwhile, said the shooting proved their claims that Israel is guilty of using excessive force and carrying out extrajudicial killings.

The shooting took place last Thursday in Hebron, the volatile West Bank city that has been a focal point of the latest wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence. The military said two Palestinians stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier before troops shot and killed the pair.

Benjamin Netanyahu
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a video released by the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem, one of the attackers appears to still be alive after the initial shooting. The video, taken by a Palestinian volunteer , shows the wounded attacker lying on the ground,. About a minute later, a soldier raises his rifle, cocks the weapon and fires. Blood is then seen streaming from the Palestinian's head.

Addressing his Cabinet on Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the shooting was not reflective of the military's conduct and rejected criticism of the armed forces' morals as "outrageous and unacceptable." But he also defended the military against its right-wing critics. "We must all support the IDF chief of staff, the IDF and our soldiers, who safeguard our security," he said.

The shooting came amid a six-month wave of Palestinian stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks that has killed 28 Israelis and two Americans. Meanwhile, at least 188 Palestinians have died by Israeli fire. Israel says most were attackers, and the rest died in clashes with Israeli security forces. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women face uphill battle

ESPORTS

Commentator says females are not taken seriously

Jennifer Pichette has been playing video games since she was a kid. That's not unusual.

Like some people with a lifelong love of video games, she started playing professional tournaments. That's not unusual either.

Then she realized she liked commentating better than playing professionally, and started commentating online tournaments. Still not unusual.

But Jennifer Pichette is a woman, and in the worlds of professional video game playing and commentating, that is unusual, often to the detriment of the woman trying to make it in a burgeoning industry.

"Females aren't taken seriously," said Pichette, a Masters of Medical Microbiology student at Laurentian University and commentator who is known online as LemonKiwi.

"It's just hard for a female gamer to come on the rise, and possibly even be professional."

Studies have shown more than half of all gamers are women, but they're still underrepresented in eSports and commentating.

Pichette has experienced this first-hand. Being a female "caster" is still seen as an exception rather than the norm — and the problem is worse for players, she said.

Men will exclude women from teams, citing a lack of professional experience, but Pichette said it usually has more to do with gender than experience.

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Jennifer Pichette, a professional commentator for eSports, commentates on the Call of Duty series. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT

Precarious work creeping into jobs

They're part-time employees without health benefits or pensions who work split shifts at a number of different locations each week. From one paycheque to the next, their income fluctuates, as do their hours.

These aren't workers hustling behind fast-food counters. They're aspiring librarians, often with at least one master's degree.

Precarious work, often associated with service-sector jobs, is spreading to jobs that were once considered realms of stable employment with benefits and pensions to boot.

"This type of employment has increasingly become the norm," said Wayne Lewchuk, a McMaster University economics and labour studies professor, who co-authored a recent report on the impact of precarious work.

More than 40 per cent of people employed in the knowledge or creative sectors are in precarious or vulnerable work, according to the report. More than one quarter of precarious jobs require a university degree.

"They're basically trapped in entry-level jobs," said Maureen O'Reilly, a librarian and president of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union.

Universities, media organizations, hospitals and governments have also increasingly moved toward more precarious contract employment, Lewchuk said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Maureen O'Reilly, a librarian and president of the Toronto Public Library Workers Union. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Uber protests airport's plan to fingerprint drivers

Uber has objected to Atlanta airport's plan to use fingerprints to check criminal records of its drivers, saying its own record checks are sufficient. Uber has agreements with more than 50 U.S. airports, none of which require fingerprint-based background checks. But New York City does fingerprint drivers, and the mayor of Los Angeles wants his city to do so as well. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deal reached to raise California minimum wage

California legislators and labour unions have reached a tentative agreement that will take the state's minimum wage from $10 US to $15 US an hour, a state senator said, a move that would make for the largest statewide minimum in the U.S. by far. At $10 an hour, California already has one of the highest minimum wages in the nation along with Massachusetts.

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ON BEING A WOMAN IN COURT WITH GHOMESHI

Judge Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations. It was an outrageous and unnecessary 31 words, especially after he earlier reiterated that the person charged with a crime gets the benefit of the doubt.

I doubt a single journalist walked into the Jian Ghomeshi sexual assault trial the first day of February suspicious of the heart of the allegations, or the three women behind them.

And I doubt even one walked out more than a month later doubting an acquittal was right.

But it was nevertheless excruciating to be a woman, sitting in the gallery watching the scandal diminish into thin testimony, easily batted away by the judge in his not-guilty verdict.

Even for those following every moment on Twitter, it was not the same as being in that room, seeing women's expressions, catching their glances, watching their faces as the witnesses described assault.

After Lucy DeCoutere's chief testimony, where she described being a people-pleaser who didn't want to upset Ghomeshi after the alleged assault, one woman reporter told me she cried listening to her account. "Of course!" the reporter said: Any woman could relate to that impulse.

But as the trial went on, sympathy and sisterhood was replaced at times with irritation, and bewilderment.

It only took Marie Henein, Ghomeshi's lawyer, one kick at the first witness for us to see that this was not going to be the trial we expected. Press coverage had created the mirage of a credible legal case against Ghomeshi, but the closer we got to the evidence, the more that credibility evaporated. After all the allegations of abuse, the months of stories, the investigations, the national conversation about sexual violence in this country: This was not going to be the comeuppance of a powerful man who hurt women, or, by proxy, a defeat of sexism itself. Instead, the trial became a microcosm of how women are coping with the status quo.

I saw in the protesters resilience, power and even righteousness.

SURVIVOR SOLIDARITY Protesters denouncing the Ghomeshi verdict have grown to a critical mass that could advance justice for sexual assault victims, Rosemary Westwood writes — but ingrained sexism remains an obstacle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Silent and mostly unnoticed in the front row throughout the trial sat Ghomeshi's mother and sister. Where others saw symbolism in the case, to the family it was "deeply personal," said Jian's sister, Jila.

Then there was Marie Henein and Danielle Robitaille, her protégé, as much the faces of the trial as DeCoutere. Both lawyers cut formidable figures in slick suits and "killer heels," a visual display of their fierce skills, as Anne Kingston of Maclean's would note.

To the National Post's Christie Blatchford, Henein and Robitaille became a kind of harbour in the storm, two women "so clearly not seeking favour" from other women that Blatchford deemed them a "comfort."

They stood opposed to female activists, who Blatchford and the Star's Rosie DiManno both seemed to suggest would sooner turn the court into a psychiatrist's couch then give women their due credit for being able to weather tough questions. To Blatchford, covering the trial "was akin to being a member, by virtue of gender alone, of an over-delicate, slightly feeble-minded citizenry in need of perpetual deference and protection both."

I understand her concern, but I also saw in the protesters, especially the hundreds of mostly women outside the court the night of the verdict, resilience, power and even righteousness.

I watched a group of women carrying signs hurry in the falling dark toward the crowd.

"Have a great protest!" I yelled, stupidly, wanting to join them.

They gathered for speeches and then a march to Toronto Police headquarters chanting what's becoming a slogan for the whole ordeal: "We believe survivors!"

One young woman told me the trial had ended any hope she had in the justice system, but she would commit herself to advocacy and support work instead.

Some were marching against the acquittal itself. But I saw them also as a mass coalescing against the stalemate in justice for sexual violence.

There is hope for future reform.

But there is also the much murkier world of ingrained sexism, the kind that, despite Justice William B. Horkins's mostly harsh but fair ruling, stained his judgment in two unforgivable ways.

First, Horkins called into question the women's post-assault behaviour, which he said shouldn't be governed by stereotypes, but then went ahead and called "odd" anyway.

Second, and most egregiously, Horkins saw fit to underline the existence of false sexual assault allegations, and state this: "The twists and turns of the complainants' evidence in this trial, illustrate the need to be vigilant in avoiding the equally dangerous false assumption that sexual assault complainants are always truthful."

It was an outrageous and unnecessary 31 words, especially after he took time at the beginning to reiterate that people charged with a crime, in every case, are the ones who get the benefit of the doubt.

As I walked home that day, the adrenaline wore off and the sadness sank in. Sadness for Ghomeshi's family, who clearly love him. Sadness for the witnesses. For the protesters. For all sexual assault victims.

I walked through my apartment door, and cried. Of course. What else is a woman to do?

This federal budget could make our city safer for survivors

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

Though it was only released a week ago, the Trudeau government's first budget is already taking a back seat to newsier stories like the verdict in the Ghomeshi trial and new terror attacks in Brussels. But there were some wins for our city in the budget, and in the face of so many bad news stories, I'd hate to see us miss our wins.

Some sore spots for our city were addressed in the federal budget: There's money to study foreign ownership in our real estate market, money to reopen the Kitsilano Coast Guard station and an offer of matching funds for the Broadway transit corridor.

In the light of last week's discouraging Ghomeshi trial verdict, I'd like to highlight some good news for survivors in our city. I think we need to count these wins too. My column this week is dedicated to those survivors; the women (and men) who have been targets of sexual assault and violence and had a rough time last week hearing Judge William Horkins turn the Ghomeshi verdict into a case study in victim-shaming.

There are several initiatives earmarked in the budget that could make our country a safer place for survivors, from those fleeing domestic violence to those waiting for an inquiry into the staggering numbers of missing and murdered indigenous women.

Significantly, the budget calls the number of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls "a national tragedy," and promises a two-year spend of $40 million on a national inquiry. Vancouver's Downtown Eastside is home to many survivors who could be made safer by the nation finally examining the systemic ways Canada puts indigenous women and girls in harm's way.

The budget also commits $89.9 million over two years for the construction and renovation of shelters and transition housing for victims of family violence, supporting over 3,000 shelter spaces across the country. For those in abusive home situations who are among the 500 or so women and children turned away from shelters daily due to overcrowding, this announcement may encourage them to try again.

A small increase is committed to Status of Women Canada to expand the agency's regional presence and support local organizations working on women's issues and gender equality. We can hope their work will help government create policy that considers the needs of women.

None of these budget initiatives alone will result in the Canada we ought to be, one where survivors are believed and protected by the justice system, and by each other, but we have to hold on to the hope that this budget shows a shift in our nation's direction. We have to claim our wins.

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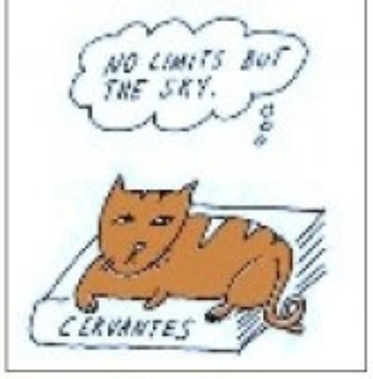

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Yolanda benefits from a buffer

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Two young women have committed to transforming their financial lives in just 12 weeks with Metro's Money Makeover and finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie. Yolanda, 27, from Mississauga, is rapidly saving a down payment while Annick, 24, from Calgary, is crushing her consumer debt. With only three weeks to go, the big question is whether these ambitious women will achieve their financial targets.

THIS WEEK: Yolanda has planned a move and a trip to Montreal. Find out why, for once in her adult financial life, she doesn't have the heebie-jeebies about these upcoming expenses.

NEXT WEEK: Annick files her tax return and is surprised by the result. Has working with a tax professional been worth it?

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THE SITUATION

Yolanda has two expensive months ahead — $500 for movers, a truck and packing boxes as she moves back in with her mother in April plus another $500 for a fun trip to Montreal in early May.

Obviously the first is a need and the latter is a want — one that I believe is well deserved given her financial progress to date.

When I grilled Yolanda on her plan to pay for these one-off expenses, she confidently responded.

"When I stare at my budget I am happy. The numbers don't lie. I know I can afford these upcoming expenses. But, I will have to reduce what I spend on other things like meals and entertainment for a few months," she told me. "I'm making a financial trade-off and I therefore don't feel guilty."

Included in her plan is an expectation that she'll receive a healthy tax refund of a few thousand dollars during the month of April.

Certainly Yolanda will benefit from powerful charitable tax credits from her regular giving and also a tax deduction from her 2015 RRSP contributions.

But, history isn't always indicative of the future. What if Yolanda's tax refund is slim-to-none, or worse yet, she has to pay the government? Besides cutting back on her discretionary spending, she'll also have drain her "buffer" account that she's worked incredibly hard to build up.

And that's the point of a financial "buffer."

NET WORTH

Assets	
TFSA	1,000
RRSP	1,100
Savings	175
Pension	4,700
Total Assets	**$6,975**
Liabilities	
VISA	0
Master Card	0
Total Liabilities	**$0**
Net worth	**$6,975**

THE LESSON

Naturally most 20-somethings plan their finances optimistically: a tax refund will always be there; a raise is around the corner; a house, car or other big-ticket purchase will cost less than originally thought.

And dangerously, that a financial emergency, such as job loss, simply won't happen.

But, life deals a harsh hand at times and, in fact, the average Canadian experiences a financial gut-punch twice each decade.

When I lived with my grandmother during university she ingrained in my head that at all times I needed immediate access to a minimum of $1,000 to get out of a financial pinch.

She was right. I used that fund three times for burst pipes, a quick move and a hefty car repair bill — all before reaching age 25.

I cannot stress how important it is for every modern young person to build-up a financial buffer.

As a rule of thumb, if you've got credit-card debt, your buffer should be up to $1,000. If not, grow your buffer to the equivalent of three months' salary.

Gone are the days when Yolanda would raid her RRSPs and TFSAs to pay for minor emergencies, trips and vet bills.

Amongst many other valuable financial skills such as sticking to a budget and spreading out her expenses more evenly throughout the month (easier on her cash flow), Yolanda has learned that planning for the financial worst and hoping for the best reduces stress and squashes financial guilt.

Yolanda isn't letting some one-off expenses get her down this month because her budget can handle it. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Shandling: Master of unmasking

THE SHOW: The Larry Sanders Show, Episode 89 (YouTube)
THE MOMENT: Jim Carrey's farewell

On his last night as a talk show host, Larry Sanders (Garry Shandling) introduces Jim Carrey, who makes a hammy entrance to huge applause. "You'd think it was your last night," Sanders says, with a (clearly pained) smile.

"Just when I thought everything was solid in my life, you decide to go," Carrey says. "You know I can't get it up? Ever since the announcement I've been flaccid."

Carrey launches into the ballad And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going, from Dreamgirls; he leaps on Shandling's desk, hugs him. Until they go to commercial.

"Let's cut the crap," Carrey snarls. "What are you gonna do now, movies? I'll crush you."

When Shandling died last Thursday at age 66, Twitter exploded with RIP's from comedians (Jimmy Kimmel, Seth MacFarlane, Albert Brooks, Ricky Gervais), praising him for popularizing and perfecting so many current comedy trends: behind-the-scenes exposés; a deadpan, laugh-track-free tone; celebrities playing nasty versions of themselves.

His show established HBO as a go-to source of cutting-edge humour, and launched a raft of talent including Bob Odenkirk and Jeffrey Tambor (who are still pushing the envelope on their respective current series Better Call Saul and Transparent).

Shandling wasn't the first person to unmask Hollywood as a snakepit of insincere egomaniacs hiding their desperation under their tooth veneers, and he won't be the last.

But to date, he did it the best.

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Garry Shandling as Larry Sanders. CONTRIBUTED

How to make a superhero mashup

SUPERGIRL

There are a few things needed when executing a crossover

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird, it's a plane, it's every single comic book superhero ever created comin' atcha!

Hot on the heels of Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice comes television's latest comic book crossover. On tonight's Supergirl (CBS and Global at 8 p.m.), The Flash's Grant Gustin darts away from his own show and teams with Melissa Benoist for an episode titled World's Finest.

The common denominator in this clash of DC Comics titans is executive producer Greg Berlanti. The busy showrunner is considered a show business superhero, juggling six series at once. Most are comic book fantasies, with Arrow and DC's Legends of Tomorrow also produced under his watch.

Still, not everybody can make a crossover episode work. Here are four things Berlanti and his co-executive producers needed to make Monday's episode happen.

The Flash is darting away from his own show to join the cast of Supergirl on Monday. CONTRIBUTED

Super accommodating stars

Benoist, 27, is still in her rookie season and was all smiles in January as she and other cast members spoke with reporters at their Los Angeles studio.

"People were ready to see a strong female heroine," she says, adding how humbled she is "every time a little girl comes on set" and sees her in that familiar red, yellow and blue costume.

The Texan is on her home court for the crossover. Gustin, on the other hand, had to fly to L.A. from Vancouver where he already puts in 12- to 14-hour days. "Logistically it's almost impossible," Gustin said earlier this year on the Vancouver set of his series. He says the effects-heavy series is tough enough to complete on a TV schedule.

Super proximity

Crossovers between The Flash and Arrow and even DC's Legends of Tomorrow are made easier by the fact that all three shows are on neighbouring soundstages in Vancouver. The same is true of Chicago-based Dick Wolf dramas Chicago Fire, Chicago PD and Chicago Med. The Supergirl/Flash crossover was trickier because of Gustin's travel, but at least Vancouver and L.A. are in the same time zone.

Super storyline

On Monday's show, Flash visits an alternative Earth and helps Supergirl out of her recent funk by taking on two bad girls: Livewire (Brit Morgan) and Siobhan Smythe, now the Silver Banshee (Richmond Hill's Italia Ricci). The latter has a sonic scream that can crack concrete.

Super synergy

While Supergirl is on CBS and The Flash is on the CW, this crossover is still all in the family. Both shows are produced by Warner Bros. Television and DC Entertainment. The CW is jointly owned by Warner Bros. and CBS. Berlanti always saw crossover potential.

New CBS programming boss Glenn Geller saw it too and, faster than a speeding bullet, a crossover was ordered.

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THE CANUCKS

Canadian crossovers
Here are two more Canadian crossovers in TV's comic book world:

Amell. HANDOUT

Stephen Amell (Oliver Queen/Arrow on Arrow): The 34-year-old Toronto native will soon star as Casey Jones in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows.

Laura Vandervoort (Indigo/Brainiac 8 on Supergirl): Before headlining Bitten, the Toronto native played Supergirl on the CW series Smallville.

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Laura Vandervoort. HANDOUT

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Cub Jason Heyward was forced to climb the outfield fence as a swarm of bees invaded Sunday's Chicago-Seattle game

Two tribes now going in very different directions

NHL

Hawks remind lowly Canucks just how far they've fallen

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

There was a time when the rivalry between the Vancouver Canucks and Chicago Blackhawks was among the best in the NHL.

Not so much anymore. Since the height of their animosity five years ago, the two franchises have gone in totally different directions.

The Blackhawks have won the Stanley Cup twice and could go on another lengthy playoff run this spring. The Canucks haven't won a playoff round since 2011 and have missed the post-season entirely in two of the last three seasons.

The fall continues for the Canucks. They've now lost eight in a row, following Sunday's 3-2 loss to their old foes from Chicago at Rogers Arena. Good news for those in the local fan base hyped on getting a top draft pick later this summer.

The Canucks have seven games remaining on their schedule. They're only two points up on the Toronto Maple Leafs, who hold the very last spot in the league's overall standings.

Vancouver Canucks' Brendan Gaunce, right, crashes into Chicago Blackhawks' goalie Scott Darling, left, as Blackhawks Duncan Keith defends. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Despite playing the night before in Calgary, the Blackhawks came charging out of the gate. They had three shots in the opening 54 seconds, suggesting it could be another long night for Canucks' goalie Ryan Miller.

On their 13th shot of the period, the Blackhawks finally opened the scoring, as Tomas Fleischmann snapped a wrist shot top corner on Miller, who could only shrug his shoulders in frustration.

SUNDAY at Rogers Arena

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BLACKHAWKS	CANUCKS

A recurring theme for the Canucks this dismal season has been falling behind and not being able to manufacture the offence to come back.

Against the Blackhawks, the Canucks surrendered the lead three times. Twice, they managed to come back. A third time? That was asking too much.

In the second period, Alex Burrows tied the game with his ninth goal of the year.

The Blackhawks responded in the third period when Teuvo Teravainen finished off a tic-tac-toe passing play made all too easy by the fact the Canucks were slow coming back into the defensive zone off the rush, giving Chicago a 2-1 lead.

To their credit, the Canucks managed once again to even the score. Sven Baertschi buried his 15th of the season to tie the game at two goals apiece.

But just 3:15 later, the Blackhawks struck for the winner. Jonathan Toews set up Andrew Ladd for the one-timer in the slot, beating Miller on the blocker side. Again, Vancouver's coverage in the defensive zone broke down, allowing Ladd plenty of time to pick a corner.

The Canucks host the San Jose Sharks on Tuesday.

SID SEALS WIN

Sidney Crosby scored on a deflection at 4:30 of overtime and the surging Pittsburgh Penguins beat the New York Rangers 3-2 Sunday night in a potential first-round playoff preview. Matt Cullen and Phil Kessel also scored for the Penguins, who have won eight of nine. Marc-Andre Fleury made 25 saves.

Elsewhere on Sunday Victor Rask scored twice for the first multigoal game of his career, and the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Devils 3-2.

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MLS

Caps get things on even keel

It was a stuttering start to the season that seemed very out of character for the Vancouver Whitecaps.

But after dropping the first two games on their schedule to begin the 2016 Major League Soccer campaign, the Whitecaps salvaged the remainder of the month with consecutive victories, including Saturday's 1-0 triumph over the Houston Dynamo at BC Place Stadium, to improve their record to 2-2 heading into a busy April.

They achieved victory on Saturday despite missing four starters, including both centre backs Tim Parker and Kendall Waston, due to international call-ups.

"Satisfied with the last two weeks, obviously," head coach Carl Robinson told reporters.

"So, you just get on with each game … and you don't get too beat up when you lose a game, and you don't get too high when you win a game."

The Whitecaps are still searching for their first goal from open play. Their star midfielder Pedro Morales leads the league with four goals, however all have come from penalty kicks.

He capitalized from the penalty spot again on Saturday for the only goal of the game. The Whitecaps and goalkeeper David Ousted, with a little help from the cross bar in the second half, recorded the clean sheet against the high-scoring Dynamo.

Next up, the Whitecaps host the big-spending LA Galaxy on Saturday at BC Place.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

FIFA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Floro's men need to bounce back fast

It was difficult to steer clear of the hype heading into Canada's World Cup qualifier with Mexico before a sold out crowd at BC Place Stadium on Friday.

A huge opportunity awaited the Canadian men's national team, particularly if they could get a positive result against such a quality opponent.

But the opportunity began to slide away before the end of the first half, amidst a trio of Canadian misses on prime scoring chances and Mexico's ability to create and finish theirs with flare and precision, with the lethal Javier Hernandez to the fore.

The result was a 3-0 loss for Canada and bitterly disappointing night for head coach Benito Floro.

It's not the end of the world for Canada's hopes of advancing in CONCACAF's qualifying stages for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

But Canada faces a difficult task of going into Mexico City, at Estadio Azteca, and trying to get a result on Tuesday.

Canada did get help on Friday, with El Salvador battling back to earn a draw with Honduras, the other two teams in Group 1. That result keeps Canada two points ahead of El Salvador and three ahead of Honduras, with each of the four teams having played three games.

The top two teams from each group advance to the final round of qualifying.

Another loss to Mexico, and Canada's hopes of advancing would then hinge on their final two games of this round, when they travel to Honduras and host El Salvador.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

CANADA'S KIDS SHOW HOW IT'S DONE

Marco Bustos's second-half goal proved to be the winner as Canada's under-20 men's soccer team stunned England 2-1 in an exhibition game Sunday.

Bustos scored at the 68-minute mark to put Canada ahead 2-0. The 19-year-old Whitecaps FC midfielder's goal proved to be a big one as three minutes later Chelsea midfielder Kasey Palmer scored for England before 3,264 spectators at Keepmoat Stadium.

"Great win against England!!" Bustos tweeted. "Happy for the boys and the work we put in."

Kadin Chung, a native of Port Coquitlam, B.C., and 17-year-old WFC2 fullback, opened the scoring for Canada just 14 minutes into the game. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starting pitcher Drew Hutchison is vying for the fifth spot in the Toronto Blue Jays' rotation. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

MLB

Hutchison OK after catching a sore one

Drew Hutchison was more amused than frightened.

The Blue Jays pitcher escaped injury Sunday when he was struck in the back of the head by catcher A.J. Jimenez's throw to second base on an attempted stolen base during a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

The smiling right-hander high-fived Toronto teammates and remained on the bench for a while after being removed from the game in the fifth inning. He later described the scary moment as just "one of those things," adding he probably would have argued to continue pitching if it had been a regular-season game.

"I'm good. It's one of those weird things that happened. It's what you get for being dumb and walking the leadoff guy," Hutchison said. "I was throwing the ball well. Unfortunately something weird happened and I had to come out."

Hutchison walked Brad Miller leading off the fifth. With Steven Souza Jr. batting, Miller took off for second and Jimenez's throw struck the pitcher, who crouched low to the ground on his follow through. The ball caromed into left field, allowing Miller to continue to third base.

Trainers and manager John Gibbons spoke briefly with Hutchison before the pitcher walked off the mound to the dugout, where sat on the bench for remainder of the half-inning.

"You don't see it that often. I thought it got him in the leg, and it ended up getting him in the head," Gibbons said. "But he's all right. He's got a hard head. We've always known that."

Before leaving the dugout and walking to the visiting clubhouse, Hutchinson said a few words to Jimenez.

"We're good," Hutchison said of Jimenez. "Unfortunately, it's just a weird play ... that you've got to laugh at."

Hutchison, trying to earn a spot in the rotation, struck out two and walked three.

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CANO'S SHOW

Robinson Cano had three home runs and seven RBIs to help the Seattle Mariners outlast the Cubs 12-9 Sunday. Elsewhere, the returning Jacoby Ellsbury was hitless in three at-bats as the New York Yankees lost 5-2 to the Twins.

IN BRIEF

Bronze woe for Canadians as Swiss take curling gold

Switzerland's Binia Feltscher topped Japan's Satsuki Fujisawa 9-6 on Sunday to win the women's curling world championship.

It's the third consecutive world championship for Switzerland. Feltscher won the world title in 2014 and Alina Patz won last year.

Russia's Anna Sidorova edged Canada's Chelsea Carey 9-8 to capture the bronze medal.

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Dominant Day back on top of the world with a win

Jason Day made his return to No. 1 in the world even sweeter Sunday by winning the Dell Match Play.

Day outlasted Rory McIlroy in an epic battle in the semifinals before dominating the championship match against Louis Oosthuizen.

"It's been a memorable week, not only to win the Dell Match Play but to get back to No. 1 in the world," Day said.

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Canada looking for their Olympic spirit

HOCKEY

Women eager to now mirror dominance of U.S. at worlds

Canada goaltender Emerance Maschmeyer stops Sweden's Olivia Carlsson in the first period of a pre-tournament tune-up game in Kamloops Saturday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Canadian women's hockey team has beaten the U.S. for gold in four straight Olympic Games. Why can't they do the same at world championships lately?

"That's a good question. We've got a week to figure out how," Canadian forward Hayley Wickenheiser said.

The U.S. downed Canada to win five of the last six world titles, so they are subject to the reverse question. Why world titles and not Olympic gold?

"We get that question a lot," U.S. captain Meghan Duggan said. "You look at the last handful of world championships. I think we've won the last five out of six and we all know how the Olympics have gone."

The North American rivals open the 2016 women's world championship Monday against each other in a preliminary-round game in Kamloops, B.C.

While Finland, Russia and Switzerland have closed the gap somewhat on the frontrunners in women's international hockey, odds are on Canada and the U.S. meeting again for gold April 4 for a 17th time. Sweden, Japan and the Czech Republic round out the field.

After winning the first eight women's world championships, Canada has won just twice over the last eight.

"I don't think there's a reason why we've won Olympics and not worlds," Wickenheiser said. "I have no answer for that.

> **We're capable of playing fast, of controlling it.**
> Canada women's coach Laura Schuler

"These tournaments come down to one game. It's performance on demand. It comes down to bringing your best game when it matters the most, consistency and rising to the occasion. I do believe our team has the ability to rise to the occasion."

The U.S. is a quicker team than Canada and boasts a superior power play with a 30 per cent success rate.

In an Olympic year, Canada plays a full schedule of games against males in the Alberta midget triple-A league, which makes them more battle-ready.

Canada is a more seasoned group than a year ago in Malmo, where 10 players made their championship debut.

Seven of them are in the lineup again in Kamloops, but the return of forwards Wickenheiser and Meghan Agosta, defenceman Meaghan Mikkelson and goaltender Charline Labonte injects extra big-game experience into this year's squad.

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Ingredients
- 2 cups spelt flour
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- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp grated nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- butter for pan
- Filling: Nutella, sliced fruit like bananas, strawberries, apples, Greek yogurt, honey, syrup, peanut butter, almonds, walnuts, coconut, etc.

Directions

1. In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. In a medium size bowl, whisk milk, butter milk, egg, and vanilla extract. Combine wet ingredients into flour mixture and stir until just combined. Let rest in refrigerator.

2. Place a large skillet over medium heat and allow to warm. Remove batter from the refrigerator. Add a tablespoon of butter to skillet and let melt. Working in batches, ladle batter into skillet and cook until bubbles appear on surface. Flip and cook another minute or two. Remove from skillet. Repeat until you've used all the batter.

3. Place pancakes and fillings on the table and allow people to build their own.

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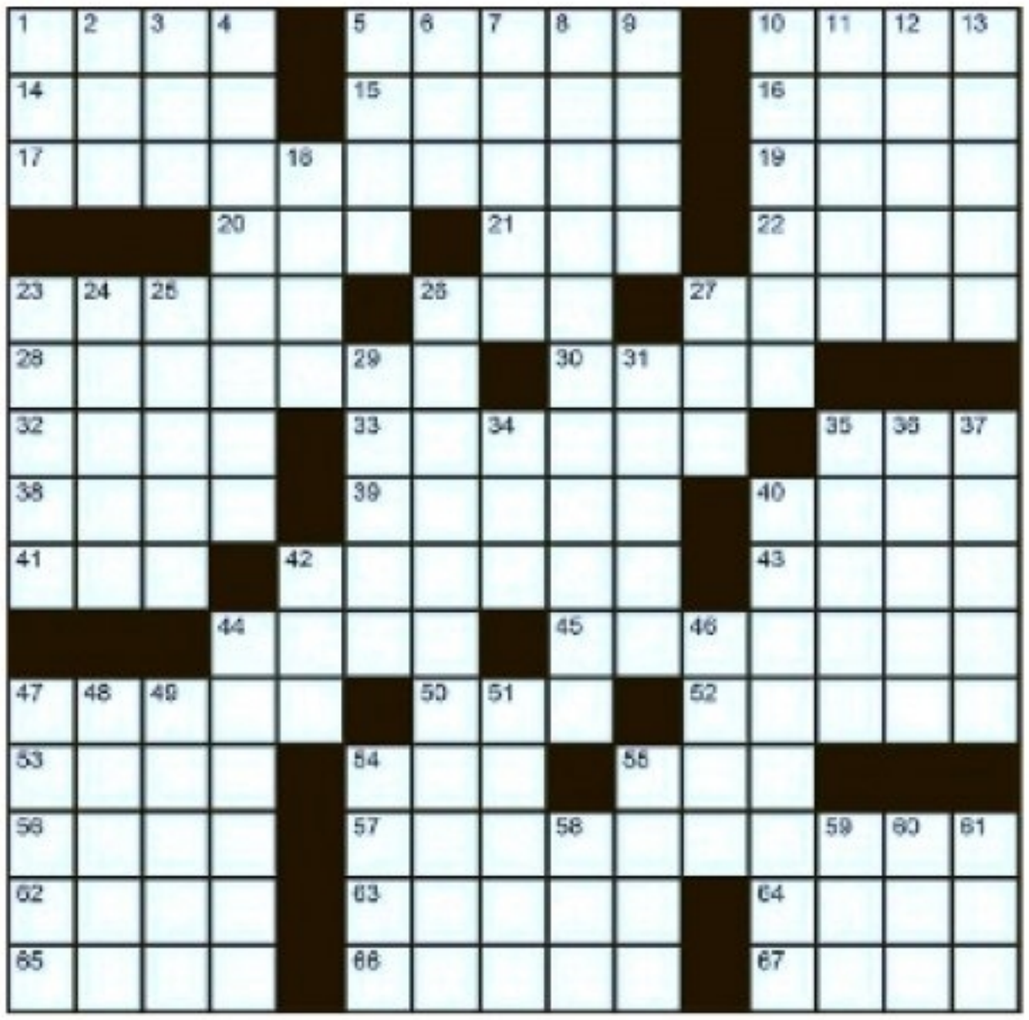

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1. Yesterday: French
5. Choreography components
10. Gilda Radner character, __ Wawa
14. Ancient outfit
15. The Vatican's governing body
16. Mongolia's capital, __ Bator
17. The __ Saddledome
19. Take a chance
20. Philosophy
21. __-hee! (Haha!)
22. Dog's wagger
23. Thread holder
26. "__ Air" (1997)
27. Search party in a Western
28. Mutant in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (2014)
30. Tiger Woods' ex-wife
32. Nautical side
33. Actress Kirstie, and surnamesakes
35. Decline
38. Do some gardening
39. West Yorkshire city in England
40. "__ be okay."
41. Li'l time segments
42. Grapefruit-like fruit
43. Illusionist, archaically
44. Soaps actress Ms. Sofer
45. __ Fields (Heavenly abode in Greek mythology)
47. Mumbai's country
50. Headshakes meanings
52. Property measures
53. "Disco Duck" singer Rick
54. Reverend Scott's portrayer in "The Poseidon Adventure" (1972) ...his initials-sharers
55. Forensic 'fingerprint'
56. Eagle of the sea, variantly
57. Directed backwards
62. Hertz competitor
63. Space stranger
64. Organic compound
65. Tick-borne sickness, __ Disease
66. Skate part
67. Faux-hued hair

DOWN
1. Elevs.
2. Winter/Summer games org.
3. __ trip
4. Like short-in-supply food
5. Swindle
6. Cause supporter, __-thumper
7. Greek Myth: Muse of love poetry
8. Some of the 'leaves' in a coniferous forest: 2 wds.
9. Interest
10. Music Hall of Fame inductee Mr. Cummings
11. Handle
12. Underlying component
13. Summery jewellery, __ bracelet
18. __ of Wight (1970 rock festival)
23. Chart-topper in music
24. Less blushful
25. Moulding styles
26. "'2 Heads" singer from Thunder Bay: 2 wds.
27. Sleuths, e.g.
29. Bird's prey clasper
31. Disinfecting product
34. Kathie Gifford connector
35. Flight segment
36. Pond buildup
37. Valley varieties
40. Song by #10-Down that goes "Never been much on religion...": 2 wds.
42. __ coat
44. Where #17-Across is located in Calgary, 555 Saddledome ___
46. Dr. Cristina __ (Sandra Oh's role from "Grey's Anatomy")
47. Best
48. Brash
49. Jeans material
51. Ancient seaport of Rome
54. Seize
55. Finished
58. Popular lipstick colour
59. "Pick a card, __ card..."
60. Jane or John
61. Yore

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid controversial subjects today, because people are quick to anger. Furthermore, not only are people hot tempered, they are blind to logic and reason.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day to discuss how to share something, because people are intense. However, if you really have to fight for your best interests, it might work; you will be courageous!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Don't make a big deal out of things with partners and close friends today, because matters quickly can get out of hand. Wear water wings, and stay in the shallow end of the pool.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have lots of energy to work today. The only downside is that you might be demanding of others. Just take it easy.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a powerful day for those of you who are involved in sports. However, regarding other matters, you might be coming on too strong. Be gentle with children and romantic partners.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You can use your energy today to move furniture and make improvements and renovations to your home. Do your best to avoid family arguments.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are powerful and forceful today! Because you are persuasive, people will listen to you. Nevertheless, don't be overbearing.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Be careful when shopping today, because you might be overruled by your strong feelings instead of your good common sense. There's a difference between a want and a need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a powerful day for you, because the Moon is in your sign, lined up with fiery Mars. This makes you courageous, but also inclined to argue! Stay chill.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You can pull some strings from behind the scenes today because you have influence. One area that is a strong focus now is your home and family.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Avoid confrontations with a female companion, especially in a group, today. Things could quickly get out of hand. Keep your head down and your powder dry.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Discussions with authority figures might be too intense today. Be polite — the power of courtesy can never be underestimated. Don't go looking for trouble.

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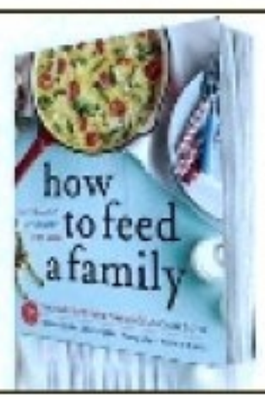

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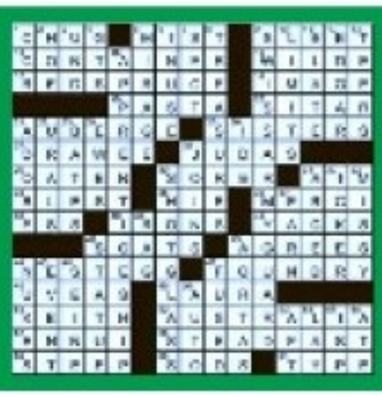

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- Beacon Hill Centre
- Chinook Centre
- Crowfoot Crossing
- Deerfoot Meadows
- Harvest Hills Crossing
- Market Mall
- Marlborough Mall
- North Hill Shopping Centre
- Northland Village
- Saddletowne Circle
- Shawnessy Village
- Southcentre Mall
- Sunridge Mall
- The Core
- Westbrook Mall

CANMORE
- 105 – 802 Bow Valley Trail

EDMONTON
- 17551 – 100th Ave.N.W.
- Abbottsfield Shoppers Mall
- Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre
- Christy's Corner
- Currents of Windermere
- Edmonton City Centre
- Kingsway Mall
- Londonderry Mall
- Mayakumin Retail Centre
- Mill Woods Town Centre
- Namao Centre South
- Northgate Centre
- Oliver Square
- RioCan Meadows
- SmartCentres Edmonton West
- South Edmonton Common
- South Park Centre
- Southgate Mall
- Terra Losa Shopping Centre
- West Edmonton Mall
- Westmount Centre

FORT MCMURRAY
- Clearwater Landing
- Peter Pond Shopping Centre
- Stoneycreek Village

GRANDE PRAIRIE
- Prairie Mall
- South 40 Shopping Centre

LETHBRIDGE
- Lethbridge SmartCentres
- Park Place

LLOYDMINSTER
- Lloyd Mall

MEDICINE HAT
- Medicine Hat Mall

PEACE RIVER
- 10032 – 100th St.

RED DEER
- Bower Place
- Parkland Mall
- Southpointe Common

ROCKY VIEW
- Crossiron Mills Mall

SHERWOOD PARK
- Emerald Hills Centre
- Sherwood Park Mall

SPRUCE GROVE
- Creekside Centre

ST-ALBERT
- 460-140 St-Albert Rd.
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